

Governor's Commission on Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Minutes of Meeting held on April 26, 2011

10:00am

Department of Administration, Yahara Room

Commission Members Present: Chairman Rakowski, Mr. Ara Cherchian, Deputy Secretary Archer, Representative Kerkman, Representative Pocan, Senator Larson

Excused: Senator Lasee

1. Chairman Rakowski called the meeting to order at 10am.
2. The roll was taken.
3. Testifying was Brett Davis, Alan White, and Mike McKenzie from the Department of Health Services and Ron Hunt, Elaine Richmond, Kris Randal, and Fay Simonini from the Department of Children and Families.
4. DHS (refer to agency handouts):
 - Representative Kerkman asked about 60 cases of FoodShare recipients getting 12 or more replacement quest cards. Mike McKenzie was not aware of these cases but would follow up with information.
 - Mike McKenzie said there is a 5 to 1 ratio on savings to investment in fraud prevention.
 - Brett Davis talked about initiatives in the Governor's budget to crack down on fraud.
 - Cindy asked about error rates and Ara asked about eligibility determination changes since 2004. Brett said he would follow up with the answers.
 - DHS said there is no deduction from a FoodShare recipients replacement cards; even for the cost to produce the card and administrative costs which is between \$2 and \$3 dollars.
 - Alan White talked about 'provider' fraud and how he handles that with DOJ's task force. He said the error rate is 2.9% and they collect roughly \$14 million in fraud per year. He has 30 staff to help with 'provider' fraud. However, only 3 staff from DHS work on fraud for public assistance program recipients.
 - DHS also stated there is 'presumptive eligibility' for Medicaid applicants even if they have no qualifying documents to prove they are eligible for public assistance. This may be a federal requirement, but DHS will follow up with more information on how many enrollees are on public assistance under this 'presumptive eligibility'.
5. DCF (refer to agency handouts):
 - Ron Hunt discussed recommendations for improvement to Wisconsin Shares. He mentioned treating day care's as businesses.
 - Elaine talked about recent changes to the Shares program and Representative Kerkman mentioned she was working on legislation to improve oversight.

- Kris talked about the W-2 program and how program violators have no penalties until the third violation. DCF will respond with improvement recommendations to the Commission.
6. It was decided to have DHS and DCF back to talk again because they were asked many questions they didn't have information available to answer.
 7. The Commission discussed topics to add to the agenda such as converting inmate health records to electronic and future meeting dates.
 8. Chairman Rakowski adjourned the meeting.